1	2	3	4
Bore Wells dug (numbers)	12950	13764	under progress.
Additional area brought under cultivation (in ha.)	95569	109329	
Increase in milk production (lt. Per day)	234609	209536	
Decrease in Labour migration	25%	30%	

The decrease in number of wells rejuvenated and milk production per day during September, 2000 as compared to September 1999 is mainly due to drought conditions prevailing in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the year 2000.

Request for allocation of rice under Food for Work programme to A.P.

2600. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government and MPs from the State have requested for release of additional five lakh metric tonnes of rice under 'Food for Work' programme; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. On the request from State Government of Andhra Pradesh, the Ministry of Rural

Development have already released additional 5 lakhs MT of rice to the State under the Special Component of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) during the year 2002-03, as the Food for Work Programme has come to an end on 31-3-2002.

Request for extension of Food for Work Programme

2601. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Central Government to extend the Food for Work Programme upto 15th June, 2002;

(b) if so, whether Government are inclined to accede to this request from the Andhra Pradesh Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) As decided in the meeting of the Group of Ministers (GOM) held on 14th March, 2002, the Food for Work Programme has ended on 31st March, 2002. With effect from 1.4.2002, foodgrains will be provided to districts affected by natural calamities under a special component within the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY).

Primary objectives of SIRDs

2602. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the primary objectives of the State Institutes of Rural Development (SIRDs);

(b) the details of SIRDs in operation in Jharkhand State, location-wise;

(c) the fund allocated by Government to each of these SIRDs; and

(d) the achievements made by these SIRDs during the last three years?